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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) American Canyon – Fire Being Investigated as Arson; Man Near Burning Stolen Car Detained

(U) Napa County Sheriff's deputies have reportedly taken a 26-year-old man into custody in connection with the Newell fire, which burned 150 acres in American Canyon Monday night. Local law enforcement opened an arson investigation after finding a man next to a burning, stolen vehicle not far from where the fast-moving, wind-fed blaze began. Law enforcement found the man suffering from non-life-threatening burns with the stolen car on an off-road by a water tower. The unusual location prompted law enforcement to apprehend the 26-year-old man. The fire, which was reported shortly before 6:30 PM, was 50% contained late Monday. Officials believe the fire started in American Canyon, a city about five miles north of Vallejo.

SOURCE: 11 October 2021, [Press Democrat](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Delaware – Federal Agents Confiscate Electronics to Gather Info Into 6 January Capitol Riot

(U) Newark – Federal agents recently confiscated property belonging to Aaron Whallon Wolkind, the vice president of the Proud Boys' Philadelphia chapter. After escorting Wolkind out of his home, federal agents entered his house. They proceeded to take his computer, computer devices, and phones to gather information related to the 6 January Capitol Riot. Although Wolkind was not in DC during the riot, the self-described president of the Philadelphia chapter, Zack Rehl, was charged for participation in the riot. Officials arrested Rehl in March for conspiring with other leading members of the organization to attack the Capitol, and he has been in custody in Philadelphia pending trial since.

SOURCE: 11 October 2021, [The Inquirer](#)

(U) Louisiana – FEMA Warns of Identity Theft Scams Related to Hurricane Ida

(U) Lafayette – FEMA officials are warning people affected by Hurricane Ida to be vigilant for FEMA-related scams. Scammers falsely use the names, addresses, and social security numbers to get an initial emergency shelter and food payout. Homeowners learn of the fraud after FEMA inspectors show up to inspect claims the homeowners never registered. FEMA agents are encouraging everyone to protect their information and are actively circulating tools to identify potential scam phone calls.

SOURCE: 11 October 2021, [KLFY](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – Top Financial Leader in Islamic State Group Arrested by Iraqi Officials

(U) Baghdad – Iraqi forces detained Sami Jasim, a top leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and a longtime al-Qa'ida operative in a cross-border operation. Jasim oversaw ISIS' financial operations and served as the deputy leader of ISIS under Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Jasim has a \$5 million bounty on his head from the US State Department's Rewards for Justice program, which describes him as having been

“instrumental in managing finances for IS terrorist operations.” Intelligence officials reported that Jasim was detained in a foreign country and transported back to Iraq.

SOURCE: 11 October 2021, [AP News](#)

(U) India – Lashkar-e-Taiba Terrorist Arrested in Connection with Drone-Dropped Arms Shipment

(U) Jammu – Police arrested Irfan Ahmad Bhat, a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist, in connection to a recent recovery of an arms shipment dropped by a drone near the International Border. The shipment included an AK assault rifle, three magazines, several rounds, and an optical sight. Bhat came from south of Kashmir's Anantnag district to take the arms, which village police recovered before Bhat's arrival. Drone-related activities have dramatically increased over the past year. They have posed a significant challenge for security forces guarding the area, as many of them carry weapons, in addition to IEDs, sticky bombs, and narcotics.

SOURCE: 12 October 2021, [The Economic Times](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Police Arrest Gang Accused of Supplying Fake Passports to Criminals

(U) London – Police arrested members of a gang accused of supplying fraudulent passports to Britain's most notorious criminals and fugitives, including a murder suspect. The gang's clients include murderers, drug traffickers, and arms traffickers. Nine people believed to be members of the crime group were detained on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of public justice and making false instruments. They are aged between 34 and 71. Police also arrested another man believed to be an intermediary between the gang and its clients. Clients paid nearly \$3000 for the fake documents.

SOURCE: 11 October 2021, [The Daily Mail](#)

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